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News from State Auditor Ed Hatchett's Office

Hatchett Releases Audit of Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

(Frankfort) State Auditor Ed Hatchett today released his audit of the 1997 financial statements of Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron. As Auditor of Public Accounts, Hatchett is responsible for auditing the accounts and financial transactions of Kentucky's county governments and state agencies. State law requires the Auditor to conduct annual audits of county clerks and sheriffs.

The audit contains the following comment:

- The Sheriff should have required depository institutions to agree, in writing, to provide adequate pledges of securities to protect taxpayer funds from potential loss.
- A total of \$302 of expenditures from Pulso Leasing, Inc. are disallowed.

The Sheriff's responsibilities include collecting real estate taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The Sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.